

FEBRUARY 6th, 1816.

Read twice and committed to the committee of the whole House on the bill making provision for an additional Military Academy.

A Bill

For organizing the General Staff, and making further provision for the Army of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the*
2 *United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in*
3 addition to the act providing for a Military Peace Establish-
4 ment, the provisions of the act of March 3d, 1813, for the
5 better organization of the General Staff, be, and the same
6 are hereby so far established, that the General Staff shall in
7 future consist of one Adjutant and Inspector General of the
8 Army, and one Adjutant General, one Inspector General,
9 three Topographical Engineers, and one Quarter Master Ge-
10 neral, with one Deputy Quarter Master General to a division;
11 and an assistant of each to every brigade, which shall super-
12 sede the Brigade Quarter Masters and Inspectors now exist-
13 ing; and that the Apothecary General as heretofore autho-
14 rized, be allowed two Assistant Apothecaries.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Medical Staff shall
2 be so extended, that there shall be four Hospital Surgeons, and
3 eight Hospital Surgeon's Mates, to each division, with as many
4 Post Surgeons as the service may require, not exceeding
5 twelve to each division, who shall receive the same pay and
6 emoluments as Hospital Surgeon's Mates, and that there be
7 two Judge Advocates to each division, and one Chaplain to
8 each brigade of the army, who shall receive the pay and
9 emoluments of major, as heretofore allowed.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Pay Department
2 shall consist of one Pay Master General of the Army, with
3 the annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, and
4 that in addition to Regimental Paymasters, there be appointed
5 one Paymaster to each battalion of the Corps of Artillery, who,
6 as well as the Regimental Paymasters, in addition to the regu-
7 lar and punctual payment of their respective regiments, or
8 corps, shall discharge the duties of District Paymasters within
9 such District as shall from time to time be assigned them by
10 the Paymaster General, under the direction of the Secretary
11 of War. *Provided,* That Regimental and Battalion Paymas-
12 ters may be taken either from the subalterns of the army, or
13 citizens, and appointed by the President of the United States.
14 *Provided also,* That Regimental and Battalion Paymasters

15 shall have the rank and receive the pay and emoluments of
16 Major, and shall each be allowed a capable non-commissioned
17 officer as clerk, who, while so employed, shall receive double
18 pay, and the actual expense of transportation, while travelling
19 under orders in the discharge of his duty.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of
2 the Regimental and Battalion Paymasters to pay all the regu-
3 lar troops ; and to ensure punctuality and responsibility, cor-
4 rect reports shall be made to the Paymaster General, once in
5 two months, showing the disposition of the funds previously
6 transmitted, with accurate estimates for the next payment of
7 such regiment, garrison, or department, as may have been as-
8 signed to each, and whenever any Paymaster shall fail to
9 transmit such estimate, or neglect to render his vouchers to
10 the Accountant of the War Department, for settlement of his
11 accounts, more than two months after receiving funds, he
12 shall be recalled, and another appointed in his place. *Pro-*
13 *vided also,* That all funds for the payment of the army shall
14 be drawn by warrants in favour of the several Regimental and
15 Battalion Paymasters, on reports to the Secretary of War by
16 the Paymaster General, countersigned by the Accountant of
17 the War Department, showing that such Paymaster has ren-
18 dered vouchers for advances previously made.

1 SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Purchasing De-
2 partment shall consist of one Commissary General of Pur-
3 chases, as heretofore authorized, with the annual salary of
4 three thousand dollars, and one Deputy Commissary to each
5 division, with the annual salary of two thousand dollars, and
6 six Assistant Commissary of Issues, with the annual salary
7 of one thousand three hundred dollars, and as many Military
8 Store-keepers as the service may require, whose salaries
9 shall be regulated by the Secretary of War, according to the
10 duty they may perform. *Provided*, That the pay and emo-
11 luments shall not exceed that of a captain of Infantry.

1 SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all officers of the Pay,
2 Commissary, and Quarter Master's Department, shall, pre-
3 vious to their entering on the duties of their respective offices,
4 give good and sufficient bonds to the United States, fully to
5 account for all moneys and public property which they may
6 receive, in such sum as the Secretary of War shall direct.—
7 And all Paymasters, Commissaries, and Store-keepers, shall
8 be subject to the rules and articles of war, in the same man-
9 ner as commissioned officers. *Provided also*, That all officers
10 of the Pay and Commissary's Departments be submitted to
11 the Senate for their confirmation in the same manner as the
12 officers of the army.

1 SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the President of the
 2 United States be, and he hereby is authorized to prescribe the
 3 quantity and kind of clothing to be issued annually to the
 4 troops of the United States. *Provided*, That whenever more
 5 than the authorized quantity is required, the value of the ex-
 6 tra articles shall be deducted from the soldiers' pay and in
 7 like manner the soldiers shall receive pay according to the an-
 8 nually estimated value for such authorized articles of uniform
 9 as shall not have been issued to him in each year. *Provided*
 10 *also*, That the manner of issuing and accounting for clothing,
 11 shall be established in the general regulations of the War
 12 Department.

1 SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the several officers of
 2 the staff shall, respectively, receive the pay and emoluments,
 3 and retain all the privileges secured to the staff of the army, by
 4 the act of March third, one thousand eight hundred and thir-
 5 teen, and not incompatible with the provisions of this act; and
 6 that the regulations, in force before the reduction of the army,
 7 be recognised, as far as the same shall be found applicable
 8 to the service; subject, however, to such alterations as the Se-
 9 cretary of War may adopt, with the approbation of the President.

1 SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the officers of the staff,
 2 provisionally retained by the President, be recognised in ser-
 3 vice under this act, and that the garrison surgeons and mates

4 be hereafter considered as post surgeons ; and hereafter the
 5 staff of the army may be taken from the line of the army, or
 6 from citizens.

1 SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the ordnance depart-
 2 ment be continued as at present organized under the act of Fe-
 3 bruary eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and
 4 that ordnance officers be assigned to their duties with the staff
 5 of the army, in the same manner as from the corps of engineers.

1 SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted*, That when forage is not
 2 drawn in kind by officers of the army entitled thereto, eight
 3 dollars per month, for each horse not exceeding the number
 4 authorized by existing regulations, shall be allowed in lieu
 5 thereof: *Provided*, That neither forage or money shall be
 6 drawn by officers, but for horses actually kept by them in ser-
 7 vice: *Provided also*, That none, except company officers, shall
 8 be allowed to take, as servants or waiters, soldiers of the army,
 9 and that all other officers be allowed, for each private servant
 10 actually kept in service, not exceeding the number authorized
 11 by existing regulations, the pay, rations, and clothing of a pri-
 12 vate soldier, or money in lieu thereof, on a certificate setting
 13 forth the name and description of the servant or servants, in
 14 the pay account: *Provided also*, That one additional ration
 15 be allowed to all subaltern officers of the army.